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SEASIDE GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 50 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Alejandro Hernandez Delgado, a 25-year-old resident of Seaside, was sentenced to 50 years-to-life in prison. Delgado was convicted of murdering 17-year-old Antonio Garcia for the benefit of the Sureno Criminal Street Gang by use of a firearm.

On October 20, 2012, there was a beach party in Sand City with most of the attendees from Seaside and Central Coast High Schools. A few of the attendees were young Norteno gang members or associates. Around 11:00 p.m., the victim Antonio Garcia, left the party and beach area and headed towards the recreational trail, which underpasses the freeway and leads to a parking area used by beachgoers. At the time Garcia entered the underpass, Delgado was chasing another young man with a sawed off shotgun. The man being chased was running in a zigzag pattern and successfully eluding Delgado. Delgado then turned his attention to Garcia who was listening to music and unaware of the situation occurring in the underpass. When Garcia saw the gun he turned and tried to run. Delgado quickly caught up to Garcia and discharged the weapon into Garcia's back at very close range. Garcia was pronounced dead two and half hours later.

The defendant was sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie Panetta.

The case was investigated by the Peninsula Regional Violence and Narcotics task force, the Sand City Police Department and District Attorney Investigators John Coletti and Adam Sepagan. Probation Officer Cristal Sanchez provided critical testimony at the trial.